**CROYDON PHILATELIC SOCIETY**

**NOTES OF THE MEETING 28.04.2015:**

The meeting attended by 17 members designated the **President's Evening** opened at 19.45 hours **.** For the first half President Paul Elliot invited **Ian Reed** to give a display on '**Music'**which was made up of material depicting musical instruments from several countries, composers, conductors and other persons of note in the musical world.

British composers featured George Groves who wrote 'The Dictionary of Music'. Other material covered the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, The Royal Albert Hall, J.S.Bach, Brahms, Handel, Beethoven and the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra – an entertaining and enjoyable thematic display.

During the second part of the evening **President Paul Elliot** presented a display entitled '**The French Colonies of the 20th Century'** covering countries under French rule from 1910-1960 when most achieved independence. The material was mainly stamps with a few covers showing the life and infrastructure of disparate countries throughout Africa and other lands and islands. The final frame was devoted to Senegal with the emphasis on aspects of the slave trade. Paul's presentation was both colourful and interesting.

Following a vote of thanks from John Schofield the meeting closed at 21.45 hours.

Graham Harker, Honorary Assistant Secretary
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